

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/088,450

Examiner

Gregory J. Strimbu

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 6/10/04 and the tele. int. of 7/21/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 10/15/02 and 1/15/04
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 7/21/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on July 21, 2004, Rose A. Hickman requested an extension of time for 1 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 03-1728 the required fee of \$110.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

page 9,

line 12, changed the period to a semicolon

line 13, inserted the following:

--Figure 12 shows a cross-sectional view through a guide rail shaped out from the base surface of a carrier plate and having grooves on the carrier plate;

Figure 13 shows a cross-sectional view through a guide rail shaped out from the base surface of a carrier plate and having slots on the carrier plate;

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Figure 14 shows a cross-sectional view through a guide rail shaped out from the base surface of a carrier plate and having hooks on the carrier plate.--

page 12,

line 9, following "like" inserted --and the carrier plate can be provided with guide slots or guide elements 28 shaped out of the base surface of the carrier plate for engaging slide elements or fixing elements connected to structural parts of the door--

page 15,

line 6, following "22." inserted --The carrier plate can also be coupled to the cover by grooves, slots, or hooks on the carrier plate.--

In the claims:

claim 1,

line 1, deleted "cable or Bowden cable"

line 11, changed "ends" to --end regions--

line 15, changed "device" to --devices--

line 17, changed "provides a moisture seal" to --substantially seals the inside of the guide rail against moisture--

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claim 9,

line 3, deleted "two"

claim 11,

line 3, deleted "that" and changed "bearing" to --that bears--

line 5, changed "bearing" to --that bears--

claim 13,

line 3, deleted "produced by an imprinting"

claim 14,

line 5, changed --so that-- to a comma

line 7, inserted --and-- following the first occurrence of "rail" and inserted
--edges-- following "which"

claim 15,

line 3, inserted --of the carrier-- following "chamber"

claim 17,

line 4, changed "a" to --the--

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claim 18,

line 2, changed "upper and lower" to --the--

claim 19,

line 2, deleted "formed"

claim 20,

line 3, deleted "additional"

line 4, inserted --which are adapted-- following "plate"

line 6, changed "for connection" to --connected--

claim 22,

line 2, inserted --adapted to be-- following "are"

Drawings

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

- 1) include new figures 12, 13 and 14 with figure 12 showing grooves on the carrier plate, figure 13 showing slots on the carrier plate, and figure 14 showing hooks on the carrier plate;
- 2) amend figure 2 to include the guide slots and guide elements identified by reference character 28 and its attendant lead line.

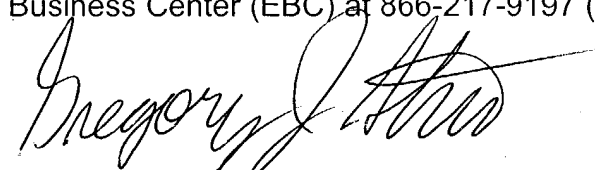
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In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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